(c) and (d) Government launched a scheme in 2008 to distribute edible oils to various States/UTs through PSUs at a subsidy of Rs.15 per kg. for distribution to ration card holders @ 1 kg. per card per month.

Statement

Retail Prices of selected foodgrains at Delhi over the last year

(Rs. per kg.)

Commodity	Current date 10/2/2009	1 year back 8/2/2008	% variation 10.2.2009/8.2.2008
Rice	22.00	17.00	29.41
Wheat	13.00	13.00	0.00
Atta (Wheat)	15.00	14.00	7.14
Gram Dal	35.00	35.00	0.00
Tur Dal	50.00	42.00	19.05
Urad Dal	46.00	37.00	24.32
Moong Dal	46.00	36.00	27.78
Masoor Dal	62.00	40.00	55.00

SOURCE: State Civil Supplies Department

Reduction in foodgrains quota for States

33. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quota of foodgrains to many States has been reduced;

(b) if so, the details of quota allocated for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the country has sufficient foodgrains stock in the FCI godowns, and

(d) if so, the details of foodgrains stock for the last three years, year-wise;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKH1LESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The allocation of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is made @ 35 kg per family per month for all accepted numbers of BPL and AAY families for all the States and UTs on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission, projected on the population estimates of Registrar General of India, as on 1.3.2000 or the number of families actually identified and ration card issued by each State/UT, whichever is less. Full quantity of foodgrains are allocated to BPL and AAY category as per the above norms and there is no reduction in the allocation.

However, allocations of foodgrains for the Above Poverty Line (APL) families are made depending upon availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool. Keeping in view the declining stock

position of wheat and rice in the Central Pool, a uniform decision was taken to rationalize wheat and rice allocations from the Central Pool stocks of the APL category under the TPDS which has been implemented *w.e.f* June, 2006 and April, 2007 respectively, by linking them to the offtake figures of the past three years *i.e.* 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06. Further, in view the constraints on availability of rice in the Central Pool due to lower procurement during KMS 2006-07 and KMS 2007-08 than overall demands from States/UTs, allocations of rice for APL category to States/UTs for 2008-09 have been made on the basis of average of offtake level of APL rice during 2006-07 and 2007-08. During the current year, initially wheat was allocated at the rationalized levels. However, in view of higher procurement of wheat during RMS 2008-09, additional allocations have been made subsequently. State-wise details of foodgrains allocated under TPDS for the last three years are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The total stock of foodgrains (wheat and rice) in the Central Pool, as on 1st January *vis-a-vis* minimum buffer norms since 1.1.2006 is as under:

(Lakh Tons)

As on	Actual Stock	Minimum buffer norms
1.1.2006	188.29	200
1.1.2007	174.05	200
1.1.2008	191.87	200
1.1.2009	357.88	200

The stocks of foodgrains available in the Central Pool are sufficient to meet the demand under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Welfare Schemes.

Statement

Allocation of rice and wheat for the year 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 under TPDS (AAY, BPL and APL categories combined)

(In '000 Tonnes)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1	2	3	4	5
1	AP	3973.116	3900.596	3884.824
2	Arunachal Pradesh	111.246	103.644	103.548
3	Assam	1755.66	1714.746	1345.527
4	Bihar	4930.704	3988.344	2768.031
5	Chhattisgarh	1833.432	1600.328	825.416
6	Delhi	1168.296	836.456	748.181
7	Goa	134.256	102.758	32.182

1	2	3	4	5
8	Gujarat	3664.412	2295.882	1130.035
9	Haryana	1342.776	830.085	451.917
10	HP	527.832	443.037	477.496
11	J&K	756.804	791.804	823.595
12	Jharkhand	1221.792	1195.472	1057.736
13	Karnataka	3319.083	2853.688	2647.031
14	Kerala	2461.588	2257.068	1184.607
15	M. P.	4264.828	2756.644	1807.026
16	Maharashtra	7445.184	5015.204	2880.683
17	Manipur	107.104	111.06	107.657
18	Meghalaya	121.884	121.804	140.417
19	Mizoram	100.7	72.222	85.047
20	Nagaland	154.48	129.084	130.887
21	Orissa	2852.256	2535.682	1900.067
22	Punjab	1669.776	868.946	280.025
23	Rajasthan	3697.156	2358.91	1274.968
24	Sikkim	44.052	44.687	45.792
25	Tamil Nadu	5830.356	5805.936	4847.881
26	Tripura	303.132	300.758	263.211
27	Uttar Pradesh	10979.252	8329.377	4550.69
28	Uttarakhand	542.724	496.942	341.541
29	West Bengal	6099.72	5617.51	3023.204
30	A & N Islands	45.588	28.91	29.244
31	Chandigarh	85.152	35.206	4.128
32	D & N Haveli	13.86	13.37	11.812
33	Daman & Diu	11.1	10.58	2.7
34	Lakshadweep	3.9	4.154	4.837
35	Puducherry	48.312	85.162	65.802
	TOTAL :	71,621.513	57,656.056	39,277.745

Improvement of PDS in Andhra Pradesh

34. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: